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Applicant		
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

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☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

SUPPORT STRUCTURE FOR A VEHICLE SEAT

5. With regard to the abstract,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

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☐ None of the figures

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B x III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The present invention is directed to a support structure for a vehicle, such as a bicycle. Specifically, the support structure of the present invention comprises an upper side having a seat surface which is supported on a rigid or semi-rigid frame (2) on which is anchored elastically flexible padding (3) there between. The support structure of the present invention further comprises an aperture (11) in an anterior portion of the frame said aperture (11) oriented at least partly in a direction of forward travel of the vehicle, and an air distribution channel (9) that is connected to the aperture (11) and is also connected to a plurality of air discharge openings (10) to ventilate the seat surface.

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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